



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there is currently pending the following cases: *In re Frank A.*, Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. 2283 DEP and *In re Erica A.*, Sonoma County Superior Court Case No. 2284 DEP and related appellate cases (the "Dependency Proceedings").

The Dependency Proceedings were initiated by the County of Sonoma Human Services Department, Child Welfare Services, as to the adopted children of Plaintiff Oralea Anderson-Francois, Frank A. and Erica A. The Dependency Court has granted certain relief and the Dependency Cases are still pending.

The juvenile case files from the Dependency Proceedings (as well as the events in the Dependency Proceedings) are relevant to the instant case because Plaintiff in the instant case alleges that the removal of Frank A. and Erica A. from her custody and the subsequent detention of them in connection with the Dependency Proceedings was improper.

California Welfare & Institutions Code Section 827 places limits on who may inspect "juvenile case files," including not only the court records but also other records, including those in the possession of Child Welfare Services. Plaintiff in the instant case has filed with the Sonoma County Superior Court a petition under Section 827 seeking an order of the Court allowing the release of the juvenile case files from the Dependency Proceedings for use in this case. Defendants County of Sonoma and Jerry Newman have filed a joinder in that petition. The petition is currently pending for decision by the Sonoma County Superior Court; no hearing date has been set.

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